GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – BC Welfare Department – ACB Surprise check on the Government B.C Welfare Girls Hostel, Mandasa, Srikakulam District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired) - Article of Charges – Orders – Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.31, **Dated:15-02-2022.**
Read the following:

G.O.Ms.No.25, BC Welfare (D) Dept., dated.15.02.2022.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government in the reference read above, under Sub-Clause (i) of clause (b) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiating departmental proceedings against Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired), it is considered necessary to hold an inquiry against the said Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired), is directed to submit his written statement of defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired), is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under no circumstances, Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that the said Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, the then ABCWO, Palasa, Srikakulam District (now retired)
(now retired) "through" the Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada. (with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledged copy and Written Statement of Defense)
SF/SC.

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[Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.31, BCW(D) Dept., Dt:15.02.2022]

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI M.RAGHAVENDRA RAO, THE THEN ABCWO, PALASA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED):-

While working as Assistant BC Welfare Officer, Palasa, Srikakulam District, Sri M.Raghavendra Rao has committed the following grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I :-

That Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, Asst. B.C. Welfare Officer, Palasa visited the Govt.B.C Girls Hostel, Mandasa on 12.06.2019, 04.07.2019, 04.08.2019 and 08.09.2019 and marked his initial in the attendance register for his respective monthly visits. However, there was no proof of his visits during the October, 2019 and November-2019. On verification of the Boarders attendance register and stock issue register of the hostel, it is established that the ABCWO, Palasa did not visit the hostel during the months of October and November 2019. Although he visited the hostel for the months of June, July, August and September 2019, he failed to give suitable instructions to Smt. A.S. Ramanammma, HWO in the maintenance of the hostel, registers and gave her scope for the mismanagement of the hostel.

That Sri Mahajanam Raghavendra Rao, Asst. B.C. Welfare Officer, Palasa, Srikakulam district by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAGHAVENDRA RAO, THE THEN ABCWO, PALASA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED):-

CHARGE-I :-

That Sri M.Raghavendra Rao, Asst. B.C. Welfare Officer, Palasa visited the Govt. Girls Hostel, Mandasa on 12.06.2019, 04.07.2019, 04.08.2019 and 08.09.2019 and marked his initial in the attendance register for his respective monthly visits. However, there was no proof of his visits during the October, 2019 and November-2019. On verification of the Boarders attendance register and stock issue register of the hostel, it is established that the ABCWO, Palasa did not visit the hostel during the months of October and November 2019. Although he visited the hostel for the months of June, July, August and September 2019, he failed to give suitable instructions to Smt. A.S. Ramanammma, HWO in the maintenance of the hostel, registers and gave her scope for the mismanagement of the hostel.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

On credible information that Hostel Welfare Officer, Govt. B.C. Girls Hostel, Mandasa, Srikakulam District who is also regular charge of Govt. Girls. Boys hostel, Sompeta, Srikakulam District is mismanaging both hostels, running those hostels with less strength than the actual strength and misappropriating the Govt. funds and committing many irregularities in running those hostels, the ACB officials of Srikakulam Range conducted surprise checks on the Govt. B.C. Welfare Girls Hostel, Mandasa and Sompeta of Srikakulam District on 11.11.2.109 in the presence of the mediators.

During the course of surprise check, on verification of the boarders' attendance register and stock register of the hostel, it is established that Sri M. Raghavendra Rao, ABCWO, Palasa visited the hostel on 12.06.2019, 04.07.2019, 04.08.2019, 08.09.2019 and marked his initial in the attendance register for his respective monthly visits. But, there were no proof of his visits during October, 2019 and November, 2019. Thus, it is established that the ABCWO, Palasa did not visit the hostel during the months of October and November, 2019. Although he visited the hostel for the months of June, July, August and September 2019, he failed to give suitable instructions to Smt. A.S. Ramanamma, HWO in the maintenance of the hostel, registers and gave her scope for the mismanagement of the hostel.

The District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam furnished information about the strength and other details of the Govt. B.C. Welfare Girls hostel, Mandasa, Srikakulam District through her letter Rc.No. A1/93/2019/BCW, Dt. 18.11.2019 informing that the A.B.C.W.O concerned is looking after the functioning of the hostels under his jurisdiction and he will responsible to see the proper functioning of the hostels.

There is sufficient evidence on record that the Government Servant failed to give suitable instructions to HWO in the maintenance of the hostel, registers and gave her scope for the mismanagement of the hostel.

Thus, the Government servant by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAGHAVENDRA RAO, THE THEN ABCWO, PALASA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1.	Surprise Check Proceedings drafted at B.C. Welfare Girls hostel, Mandasa Mandal, Srikakulam District on 11.11.2017
2.	Rc. No. A1/93/2019/BCW Dated 18.11.2019 of the District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikaulam.
3.	Attendance register of the boarders of B.C.Girls Hostel, Mandasa maintained from 6/2018.
4.	Stock issue register of the hostel.
5	Any other document if necessary it will be produced at the time of enquiry

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAGHAVENDRA RAO, THE THEN ABCWO, PALASA, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1.	Sri Mojjada Srinivasa Babu S/o Sri Satyanarayana, aged 45 years, Agricultural Officer, Farmers Training Center, Srikakulam R/o Plot No. 214/401, Sri Laxmi Sai Enclave, 5th line P.N. Colony,Srikakulam.
2.	Smt Puvvula Usharani W/o Sri Baggu Durga Rao, aged 33 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam R/o Balaga, Butchipeta, Srikakulam Town.
3.	Smt. K.Kruthika, District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District, Srikakulam
4.	Sri K.Bhaskara Rao, Inspector of Police, A.C.B., Srikakulam Range.

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